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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

An abstract has been added on a separate page as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b). The enclosed abstract is the same as the abstract on the cover sheet of the published International Application PCT/EP03/02806 except that the reference numbers have been removed.

### ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a coin distributor, containing a deflection unit comprising a displaceable deflection member for sorting coins into different coin slots or similar. The distributor is provided with at least one device for detecting the passage of a coin through a coin slot, said device comprising at least one emitter, a beam switcher, in addition to a beam receiver. The beam switcher is fixed to the displaceable deflection member.